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CSBG Special Projects *Fact Sheet*

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Special Projects program is funded by a five percent (5%) provision contained within the CSBG Act. This provision authorizes the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to support a variety of eligible and innovative anti-poverty and self-sufficiency initiatives at her discretion.

How it works

The Director of DHCD reviews each case individually and determines whether or not a project is eligible for funding based on criteria outlined by the CSBG program.

CSBG Special Projects funds are used to prevent or respond to a multitude of problems facing low income families. Funds may be used to support emergency, transitional, and permanent housing; employment and skills training; day care and after-school programs for children; neighborhood crime prevention; small business loans and entrepreneurial development; and other anti-poverty activities that significantly benefit low-income families and individuals and help make permanent improvements in their lives.

Who is eligible

Nonprofit entities organized under M.G.L. c. 180, and certified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United State Revenue Code.

Application process

Requests for funding are accepted on a rolling basis and should include at a minimum an explanation of the need for the project, a project description, a tentative work plan and budget.

For more information

Please contact the Division of Community Services at (617) 573-1104.